

**Operations Chief Meeting
December 8-9, 1999
DCMC New York
Staten Island, New York**

Opening Comments by Ms. Jill Pettibone

Ms. Pettibone started the meeting by thanking Col. Perrin for hosting the Operations Chief Meeting. It is a lot of work for the hosting CAO but it offers an opportunity to be a part of the process. These meetings are only a snap shot in time. Some issues being discussed have been ongoing for a year or more so you may come in the middle of an issues idea. This gives an opportunity to ask questions as to how the process was developed.

Col. Perrin commented that there were not many new issues on the web. Ms. Pettibone stated that there is a moratorium on policies being issued in December. Due to the Y2K issues and the Holidays, tasking memos are also being held to a minimum. MG Malishenko has directed this be done to reduce some of the burden on the CAOs.

Ms. Pettibone stated that DCMC would be moving out of Ft. Belvoir around July. The specific location has not been announced.

Action Item Review, Mrs. Izzie Mooney

Actions Items Closed since the November Ops chief meeting:

OP0098 - May Action Item #1
OP0111 - Jul Action Item #7
OP0115 - Jul Action Item #11
OP0117 - August Action Item #1
OP0118 - August Action Item #2
OP0119 - August Action Item #3
OP0124 - October Action Item #1

Actions Items Currently Open:

OP0105 - Jul Action Item #1
OP0107 - Jul Action Item #3
OP0112 - Jul Action Item #8
OP0120 - August Action Item #4
OP0122 - August Action Item #6
OP0125 - October Action Item #2
OP0126 - November Action Item #1
OP0127 - November Action Item #2

Action Items Open due to the December Ops Chief Meeting:

December Action Item #1: (1) Provide copies of the DCE Status Book to the Ops Chiefs. (2) Coordinate distribution of DCE "Stop Light" Charts to the DCE's DACO/ACO Network. DCMC-OA/ LtCol. Kathryn Johnson

Town Hall; Ms. Jill Pettibone

During the Town Hall, the following question was taken back as an action item.

Question : Ms. Blumenthal-Stechman, Fraud Counsel, gave a briefing on Fraud, Waste, and Abuse at DCMC New York. There was a chart that stated that there are more cases of fraud, waste, and abuse relative to the reduction of QARs. If this is true, why are the numbers of QARs being reduced?"

After the Town Hall, discussions were held with Mr. Bruce Krasker, District Legal Counsel. Mr. Krasker said he spoke with Ms. Blumenthal-Stechman concerning her briefing at DCMC New York. Mr. Krasker stated that during her presentation she mentioned that the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse cases are increasing in numbers while there has been a decrease in the number of DCMC Long Island employees. He can see how the audience might assume that these two statements can be interpreted to be in direct correlation to each other.

There has been no study to deny or confirm a correlation. Since no study has been done, it cannot be assumed that there is a direct or predictable correlation that the increase in Fraud, Waste, and Abuse cases is due to the decrease in the number of QARs or DCMC employees, in general.

All Fraud, Waste and Abuse cases are not always exclusively related to the product. They can, for example, be linked to the pricing of the product, which would not necessarily be found by a QAR during the inspection and acceptance of the product.

The briefing is being modified to remove a possibility of future misinterpretation of a direct/predictable correlation unless it is shown to be fact.

Topics covered at this meeting

1. MOCAS Transition Assistance; DCMC-O/ LtCol Kathryn Johnson
2. ACO Decision Making; DCMC- /Ms. Jill Pettibone
3. Cost Account Standards; DCMC-OA/Ms. Jill Pettibone
4. Alliances; DCMC-/ Ms. Jill Pettibone
5. QA metric/ QA of the Future; DCMC-O/ Ms. Jill Pettibone

Tentative Topics for future Ops Chief Meetings

1. PLAS Changes for FY 99 to FY 00 Process Codes

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Ms. Jill Pettibone

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